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In Re the Application of

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Examiner: UNKNOWN

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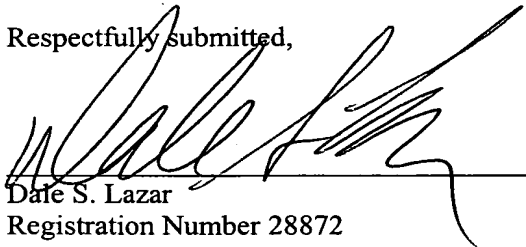
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.

The reference was cited in a counterpart foreign application in the attached Japanese Communication (Office Action) issued November 11, 2003, i.e. not more than three months ago. An English language version of the foreign office action is attached for the Examiner's information.

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FINAL NOTICE OF REJECTION

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Examiner: T. Saito

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This application is rejected on the grounds stated below. Any opinion about the rejection must be filed within THREE MONTHS of the mailing date hereof.

REASON

The inventions according to claims indicated below in the present application are unpatentable under Section 29 (2) of the Patent Law, as being such that the inventions could easily have been made by a person with ordinary skill in the art to which the inventions pertain, on the basis of the invention described in the following publications distributed in Japan or a foreign country prior to this application.

REMARKS

References Cited:

1. PCT National Publication No. 2003-512693 (filed)
2. Jpn. Pat. Appln. KOKAI Publication No. 09-027127
3. Jpn. Pat. Appln. KOKAI Publication No. 06-176504 (filed)

Re: Claims 1-5

References 1-3 are applicable to claims 1-5.

Reference 1 discloses that a mark which synchronizes with a reading clock is recorded in a linking area, and reference 2 discloses that in a linkage

adjustment frame introduced for a similar object to linking, a VFO serving as data of pull-in in a PLL circuit is recorded, and subsequently, a sync signal SYNC indicating the starting position of recording data is recorded.

Furthermore, references 1 and 2 disclose techniques for areas, which are related to linking. One skill in the art cannot find a specific point in combining references 1 and 2

In addition, as stated in the previous Official Action, it is disclosed in reference 3 also that the VFO is used as a separator between error correction blocks.

If a new reason for rejection is noticed, a further Official Action will be issued.

Reason for issuing this Notice as Final Notice of Rejection

This Final Notice of Rejection indicates only a reason for rejection, which has occurred due to the amendment filed in response to the First Official Action).

Prior Art Search Report

Searched Field: IPC seventh ed. G11B 20/12

The result of this prior art search does not constitute the reasons for rejection.